

Budget Unit Brief

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Labor Services Division of Iowa Workforce Development

Purpose and History

The [Labor Services Division](#) of [Iowa Workforce Development](#) is responsible for enforcing safety in the workplace, provides consultation to employers on occupational safety health compliance, conducts certain equipment inspections, maintains statistical information illness and injuries in the workplace, and enforces wage, labor, and child labor laws. The Division is headed by the Labor Commissioner. The Commissioner is appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate for a six-year term. The Division is currently comprised of four bureaus:

- Occupational Safety and Health Enforcement Bureau – enforces occupational safety and health rules in workplaces through inspections based on accidents, complaints, and programmed inspections.
- Occupational Safety and Health Consultation and Education Bureau – conducts occupational safety and health inspections at the request of an employer and conducts educational programming.
- Inspections and Reporting Bureau – conducts amusement ride, elevator, and boiler inspection, and maintains statistical information on the worker illnesses and injuries and inspection activities.
- Employee Protection Bureau – responsible for child labor, wage payment and collection, minimum wage, employment agency licensing, workplace standards, asbestos removal and encapsulation contractor permits and licensing of professions engaged in removal and encapsulation, duties associated with the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), out-of-state construction contractor bonding, construction contractor registration, non-English speaking employee rights, and death assessment collection.

Additionally, the Commissioner is responsible for the licensing and supervision of professional boxing and wrestling events within the state.

Funding — State General Fund

The Labor Services Division receives a State General Fund appropriation. State funds represent approximately 50.0% of the total resources available to the Division.

Other Sources of Revenue

The Labor Services Division also uses a portion of state funds to match and obtain federal funds from the Occupation Safety and Health Administration.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code Chapter [91](#)
[875](#) Iowa Administrative Code

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More Information

Iowa Workforce Development Labor Services Division: <http://www.iowaworkforce.org/labor/>

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